

and the late Jose Camacho Baza and Luis Camacho Baza; her loved one, Joseph Barroto; her siblings and their spouses, Evelyn Baza and Joseph F. Soriano, Leonard Rivera and Margaret Salas Baza, Rosa Duenas and Fred Manglona, Lucille Baza and Geronimo Castro, Luis Rivera and Marcia Woolley Baza, Barbara Baza and Daniel Ninete, Felisa Rivera Baza and Carisa San Agustin, Carmen Rivera Baza and Mark Timcoe, and her many relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATING MR. NENO SARTINI FOR HIS YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON BEHALF OF UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Neno Sartini, of Wilkes-Barre, PA, who is being honored for his many years of service to military veterans that stems from his unyielding love of country and those who serve to protect it.

Mr. Sartini graduated in 1948 from Plains Township High School. He subsequently enlisted in the United States Air Force and is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired after 26 years of service with the rank of TSgt.

During his military service he was stationed in Greenland, Guam, Japan, and several stateside bases.

Mr. Sartini is a recipient of the Bronze Star, Republic of South Vietnam Medal of Honor, Army/Air Force Good Conduct Medal with silver clasp, Air Force Commendation Medal with silver clasp, and the Vietnam Campaign Service Medal with two stars.

In 1977, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the highest peacetime award given by the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Sartini is a recipient of the "Chapel of Four Chaplains" Legion of Honor Award, the American Legion's William Brace Award for Public Service, and the American Spirit Award for patriotism and service to country.

Mr. Sartini has logged more than 2,300 hours of volunteer service at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Medical Center over a period of 13 years.

He was a driving force in the creation of the Luzerne County Vietnam War Memorial that reposes on the south lawn of the county Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Sartini has been a tireless advocate for all military service veterans and he has been an active member in the Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County where he served as commander. He served as vice commander of the Veterans of the Vietnam War Post 2 and is a member of the Korean War veterans of Luzerne County, Plains Township American Legion, Order of the Sons of Italy and Masonic Lodge, No. 61.

Mr. Sartini has been cited repeatedly over the years for his aggressive style of approaching all challenges, whether it be keeping military operating equipment in peak electrical condition and readiness; recruiting other

young men and women for service in the United States Air Force; advising community leaders on important issues of the day, or volunteering his time and expertise to improve the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Sartini. His love for this Nation and the men and women who have served in uniform to protect this land and the freedoms we enjoy as United States citizens knows no bounds. Clearly, Mr. Sartini has improved the quality of life for all with whom he comes into contact and, as such, he has earned our respect and deepest gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1021, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HONORABLE JUDGE EDGAR C. NEMOYER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, and an outstanding citizen of Buffalo and western New York, the Honorable Edgar C. "Mickey" NeMoyer. Mickey was a neighbor and a longtime friend and mentor; a great South Buffalonian, and a dear friend whose sudden passing this past weekend is a great shock to us all.

Mickey was born in Buffalo's First Ward in 1932, and soon after graduated from St. Theresa's Grammar School and Canisius High School, Mick pursued his higher education at Georgetown University, the University at Buffalo Law School, and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Later he shared his love and knowledge of the government process by teaching others as an Associate Professor at the State University of New York Albany Graduate School of Criminal Justice.

As a young man, Mickey served this Nation in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. Following military service, Mickey returned to the city of Buffalo and took a hands-on approach to law enforcement by joining the Buffalo Police Department, while at the same time working as a longshoreman as he made his way through law school. After earning his law degree he answered the call again, working in the general counsel's office of the U.S. Public Health Administration during the tenure of President John F. Kennedy.

Upon returning to Buffalo, Mickey began a long and distinguished career as an attorney and judge, working in private practice with the firm Boreanaz, NeMoyer, and Baker, and later serving as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the city of Buffalo. Mickey's legal and prosecutorial career flourished, as he served as an Assistant United States Attorney and later as First Assistant and Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. His

distinguished career was capped by his service as a justice of the New York State Supreme Court and by his 17 years as a justice of the New York State Court of Claims.

As a judge, the law prohibited Mickey from engaging in partisan politics. But it was throughout this time that he became a great mentor to me and someone to whom I consistently looked for advice and counsel throughout my own career. Indeed, in January 1999, as a newly-elected member of the New York State Legislature, I was honored to have my oath of office administered by the Honorable Justice Edgar C. NeMoyer. Fittingly, it was his example that helped to drive my own ambition to serve.

In his retirement years, Mickey and his loving wife Josephine were regulars on the political circuit in south Buffalo and throughout Erie County. Dozens of elected officials and would-be officials sought his counsel, and he and Josephine were great supporters of Democrats throughout our region. It was delightful to see Mickey during these times; unfettered by the political constraints placed upon a member of the bench, he was free to express himself politically, and we were all the better for it.

Mickey's love for the law and for our community was surpassed only by his love for his family, including his brother, New York State Supreme Court Justice Patrick H. NeMoyer, his children, Patricia, Daniel and Michael, and the late Michelle and Nora, and his grandchildren, whom he loved and spoke about so often.

When someone you love passes on suddenly, we always express gratitude that our friend and loved one did not suffer, but pain remains for those left behind. I am thankful, Madam Speaker, that you have allowed me to recognize a great and proud son of south Buffalo, the late Honorable Judge Edgar C. NeMoyer, a devoted advocate and defender of the laws and principles on which this great Nation was founded. His work to make this community safer and stronger will be sorely missed though his spirit lives on through the many lives he touched.

"WHEN EVEN THE POWERFUL CAN'T SPEAK THE TRUTH"

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this important article on our colleague Congressman PETE STARK.

[From the Alameda Sun, October 26, 2007]
WHEN EVEN THE POWERFUL CAN'T SPEAK THE TRUTH

Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Fremont, the normally calm, grandfatherly and moderate (for the Bay Area) congressman found himself at the center of a rhetorical hornet's nest last week after daring to tell his colleagues that paying for children's health insurance should come before throwing money at President Bush's bungling military adventurism.

With the president's approval rating at 24 percent, about as low as former President Nixon's was when he left office, according to a Reuters/Zogby poll released last week, it was only too predictable that Bush's few remaining supporters would immediately leap from their foxholes to shoot the messenger.